



Valued

Selected scriptures

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Life Change: We properly value redeemed self and community

A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is important, because I am
exchanging a day of my life for it.

- Heartsill Wilson

All people are made in God's image

Gen. 1:26-27

Yet sin entered that perfect creation

But the fallen nature doesn't erase value

Christian people are each saved

2 Thess. 2:13-14

Those who believe in the truth are loved by Jesus

They were chosen by the Father

They are being sanctified by the Spirit

They are bound for glory

Y'all Christians are one people

1 Peter 2:9-10

Y'all are purposed for praise

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***RMS Queen Elizabeth bringing
US troops back to NY
Christmas Eve, 1945***



courtesy US Army

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let's rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Psalms 118 CSB

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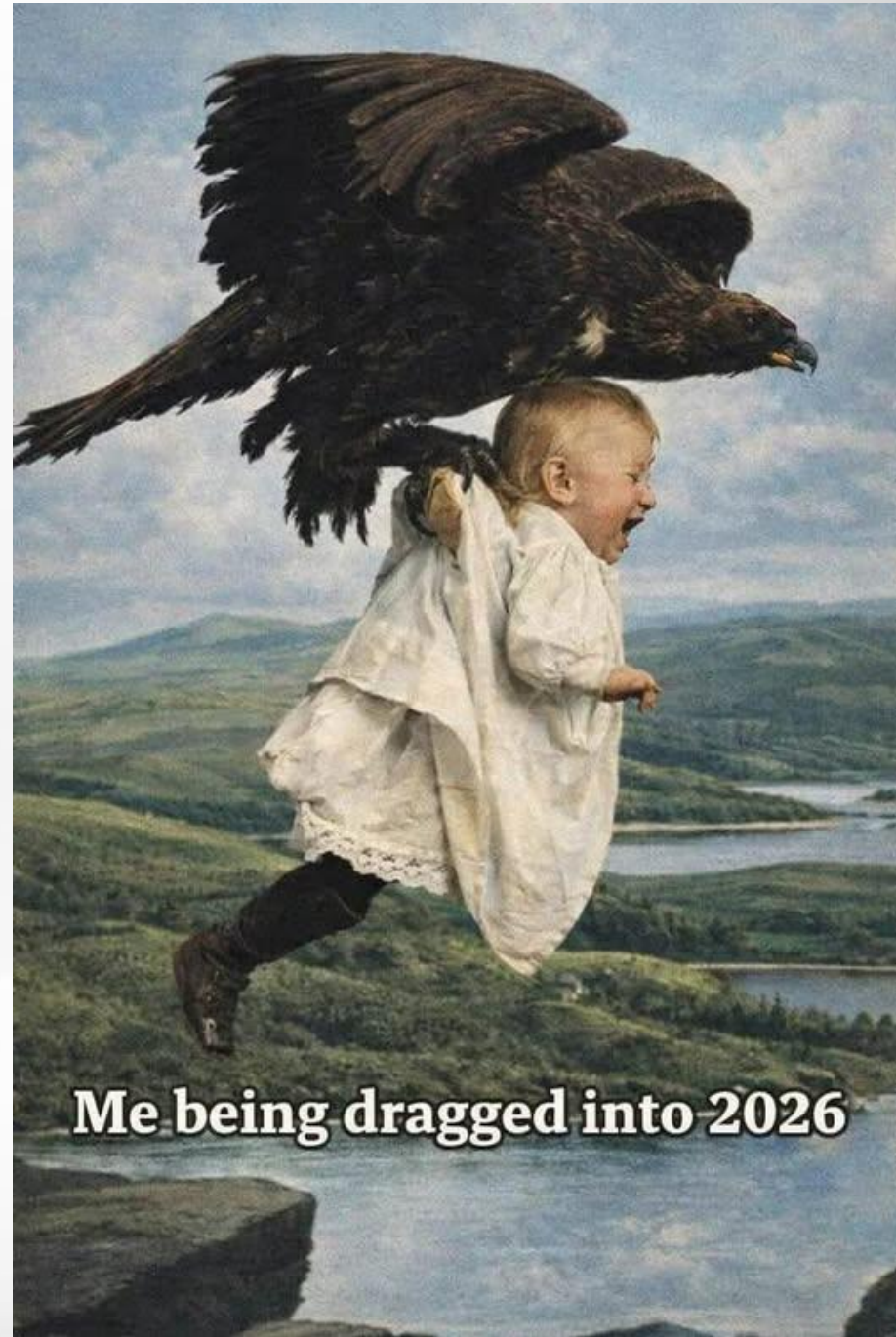
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A New Year

**This is the beginning of a new year.
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What I do now is important, because I am
exchanging a year of my life for it.
– Heartsill Wilson [WB alteration]**



Me being dragged into 2026



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The Bible on value:

- Humans are valued by God.
- Those who trust Him develop certain values.



- That allows them to create value.



“ Veni, vidi, vici. ”

~ Julius Caesar

I came. I saw. I conquered.

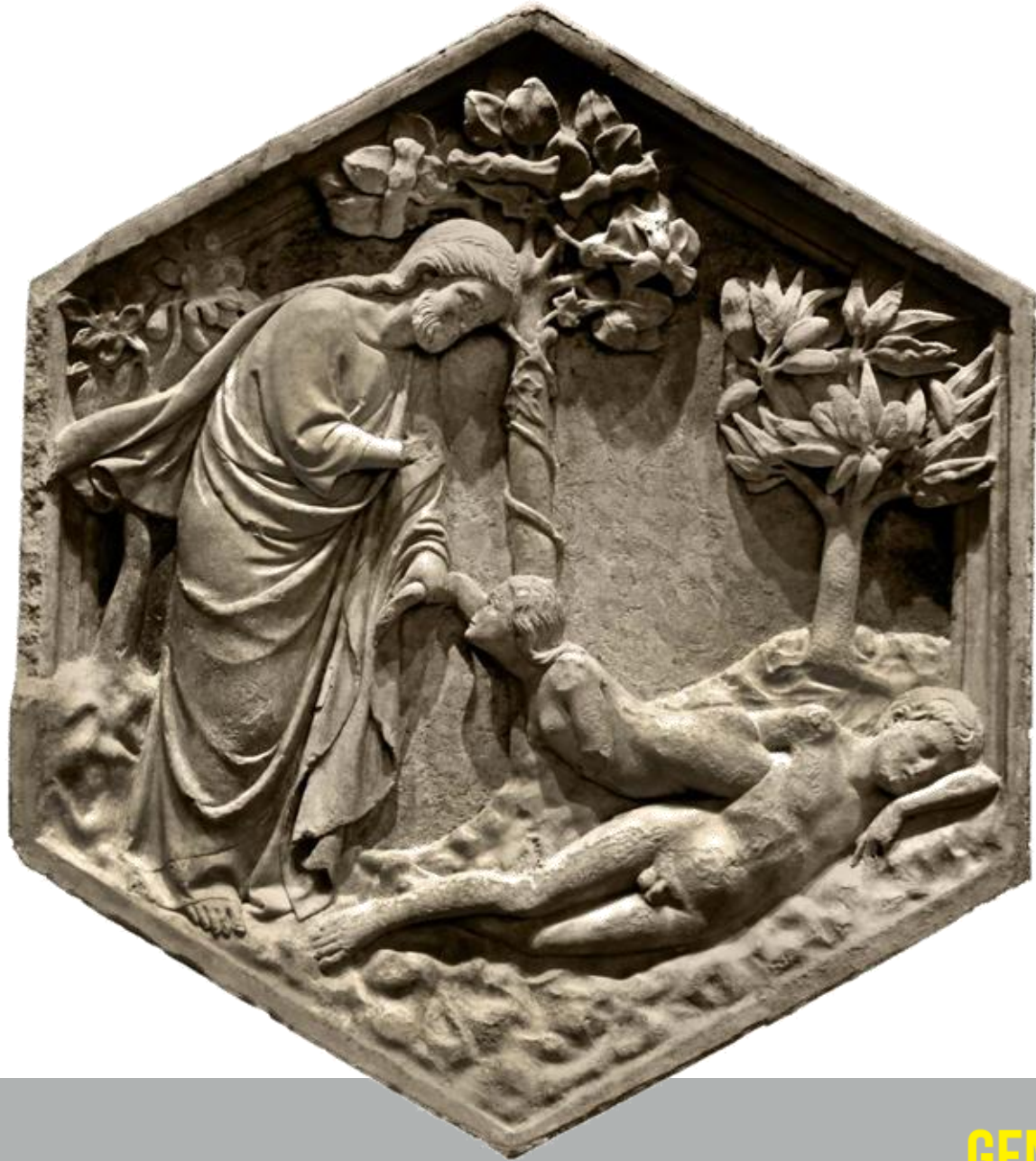


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²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

Genesis 1 CSB



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Genesis 1 CSB

God creates humans
Andrea Pisano, 1334-36

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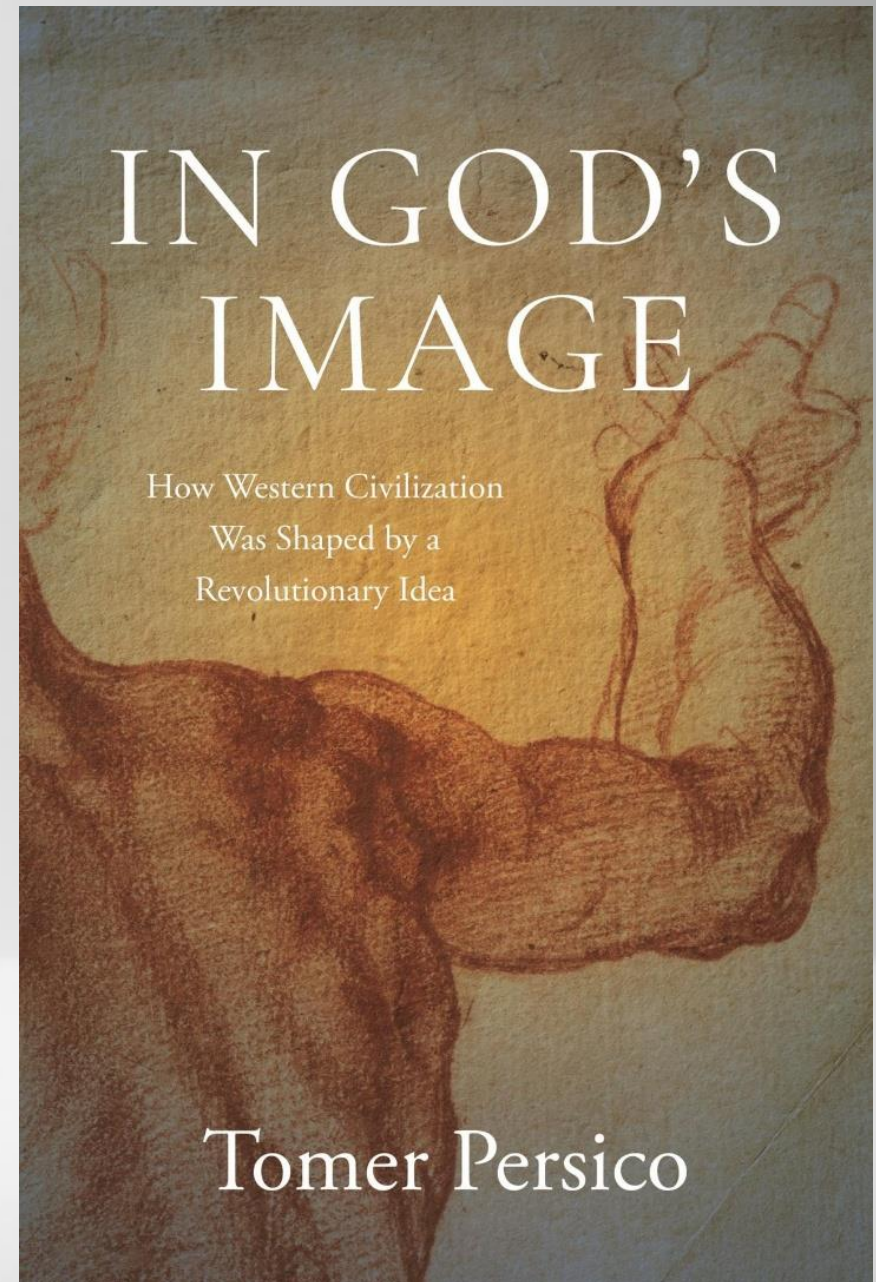
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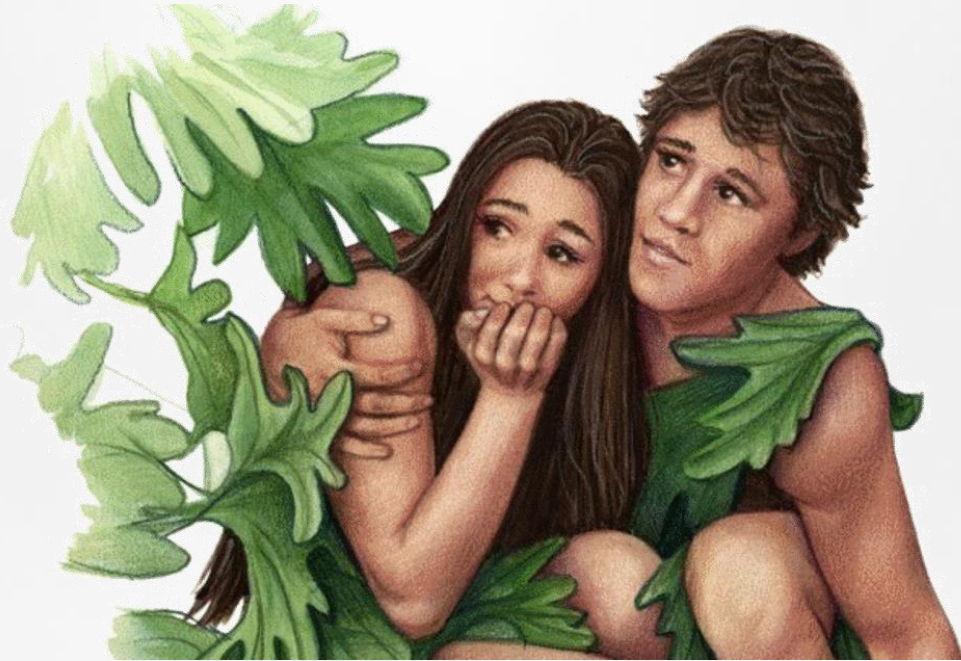


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– Sum of Tomer Persico, *In God's Image*

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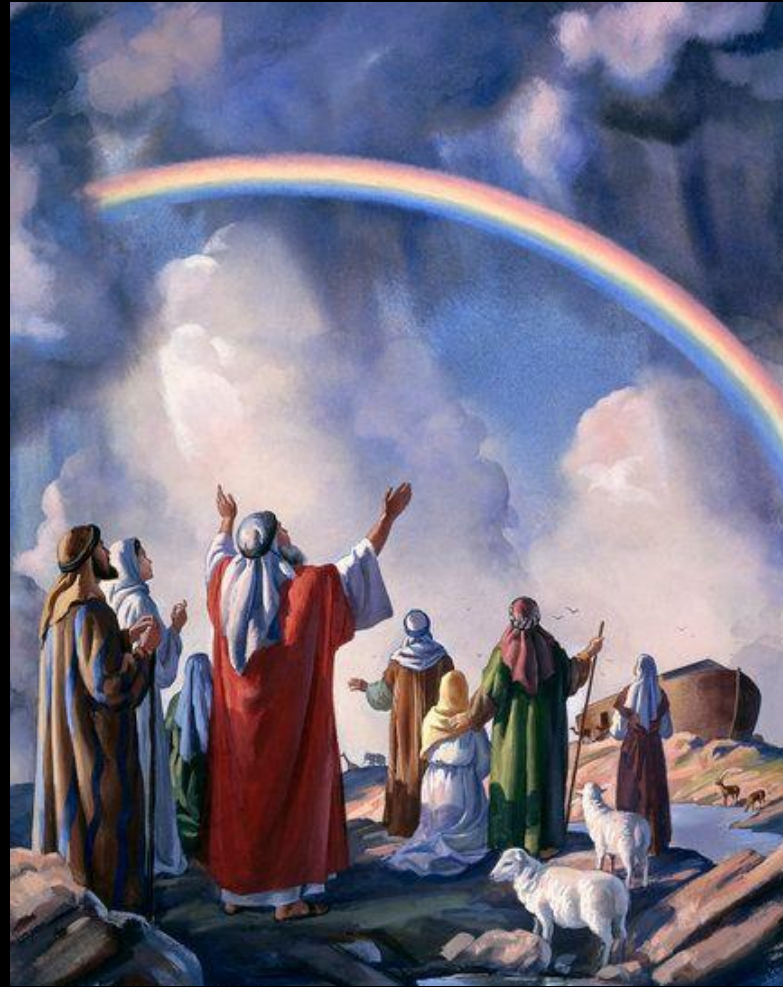
⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Genesis 3 NLT

Persico shows *In God's Image* that it is not science and technical progress that nurtures modern atheism but rather the very “image of God” tradition revolting against God. Atheism is thus a normative rather than a scientific position: An all-powerful God eventually becomes the obstacle to individual “flourishing.” Supposed human value comes from denying God’s very existence. Mr. Persico might have added the well-known words of the anarchist Mikhail Bakunin: “If God really existed, it would be necessary to abolish him.” – Ana Siljak, “The Idea that Changed the World”



The image of
God may be
defaced, but it
is not *erased*.



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This is akin to someone sending back an order at a restaurant. – Hans Feine

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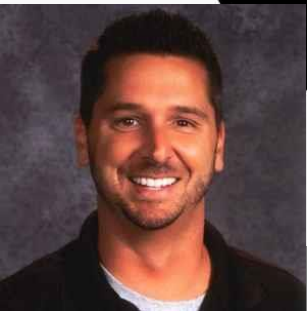
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Rubin's reasoning is fatally conflicted because he is trying to uphold two incompatible moral instincts at once:

- 1. The intuitive belief that human life has inherent value.**
- 2. The secular ethic that value is assigned by desire, convenience, and autonomy.**

This is yet another moment when Christianity proves itself a far sturdier platform upon which to stand. The Christian worldview holds that human beings possess dignity not because of their capabilities, but because we bear the image of our Creator (Genesis 1:27). Your worth is not measured by usefulness, independence, or potential. It is bestowed, not earned.

– Peter Heck



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2 Thessalonians 2 CSB

**Angels who
had fallen
received no
rescue plan.
A sinful earth
will only be
replaced.
Human beings
are singled
out for
salvation.**



God the Son – Jesus – became human and fully experienced human life, yet without sin. Jesus then gave Himself up on the cross to atone for sin. All who trust Him have their sins forgiven by virtue of the value of Jesus' sacrifice.



V = value
P = price

$$\frac{V}{P} \geq 1 \text{ (yes)}$$

$$\frac{V}{P} < 1 \text{ (no)}$$

**Heartsill Wilson's
value formula**



The cross appears to be a negative proposition.

There is nothing more precious than God, so a drop of His blood is an unthinkably high price.

$$\frac{V}{p} \geq 1_{(\text{yes})}$$


$$\frac{v}{P} < 1_{(\text{no})}$$

God declares
that the cross is
actually a
positive
formula. God
sees the value
of saving a
person as
worth the price
He pays.



$$\frac{V}{p} \geq 1 \text{ (yes)}$$

$$\frac{v}{P} < 1 \text{ (no)}$$

⁸ But God proves his own love for us [Value] in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [Price]

Romans 5 CSB

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8 CSB

² For the joy that lay before him, he [Jesus] endured the cross.

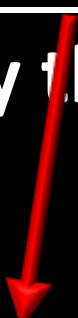
Hebrews 12 CSB

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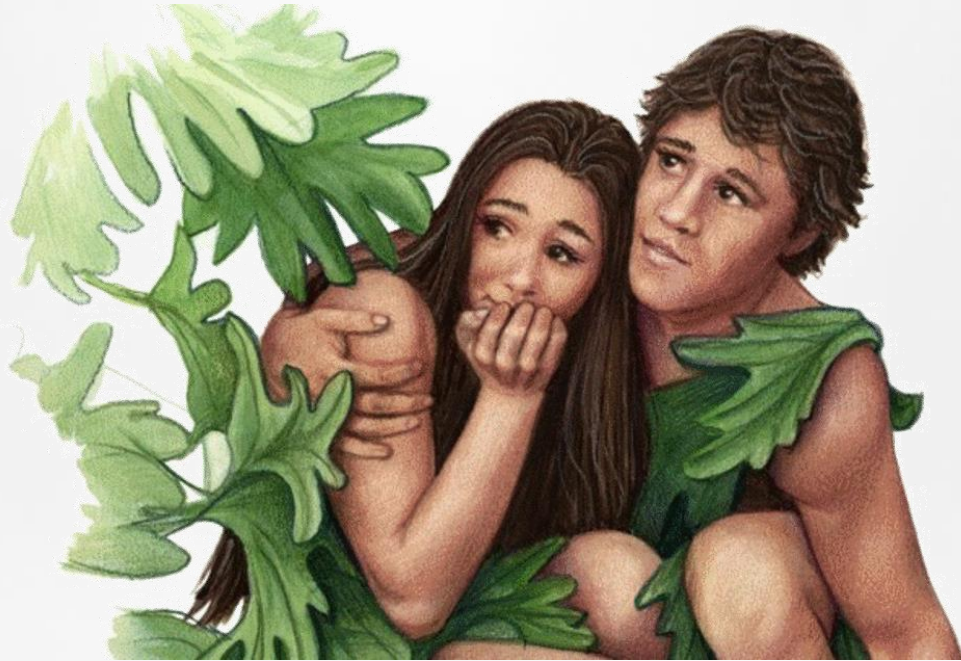
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²⁹ Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10 CSB



⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Genesis 3 NLT

God has chosen you for salvation

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We don't particularly enjoy having to accept past decisions as complete. We all want to remake the world in our own image – which is what most students mean when they say, “I want to change the world.” – WB

We view our past as irrelevant, or we are ignorant of it, or we have an ideological view that the past is inferior to the latest fashionable idea. As a result, we see the past as a source of shame and oppression from which we must free ourselves. – Sarah Irving-Stonebraker, *Priests of History*



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In my late teens, I thought I could free myself from the “heavy hand of God’s election” and write my own story. Like the younger son in Luke 15, I thought life would be better without my Father’s authority. I wrote myself straight into a pig pen! Yet, even in that pig pen, His election remained sure. Paul tells us, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” [Romans 8:16] This witness is often comforting, but I experienced it as a rebuke—a rebuke that brought me home. I had attempted to escape the grasp of my Father, but He never let me go, and I am so thankful. – Michelle Russell

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I can’t believe he took
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**“It wasn’t a risk. He was
totally involved and
wasn’t going to rest until
you succeeded.” – Mom**



**⁶ *For I am* confident
of this very thing,
that He who began
a good work in you
will perfect it
until the day
of Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 1 NASB

**As my life goes on, I believe
Somehow something's changed
Something deep inside**

A part of me

There's a strange new light in my eyes

Things I've never known

Changing my life

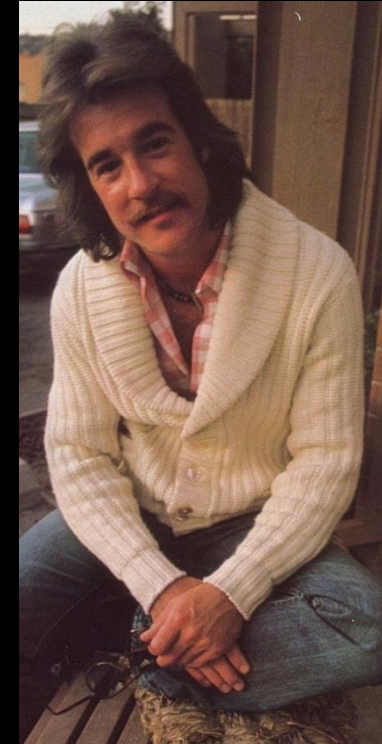
Changing me

I've been searching

So long

To find an answer

Now I know my life has meaning



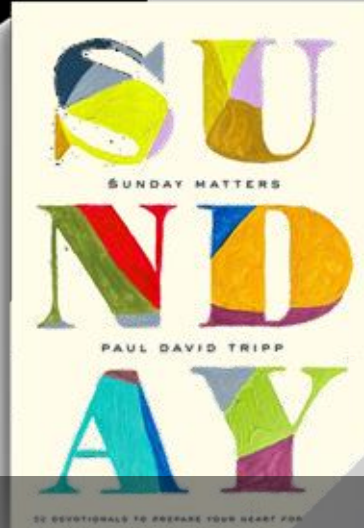
**Don't you know
I'm hell?
Yeah
Good things
In life
Take a long time
Yeah, yeah
– James Pankow,
“Searching”**



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In some moments, my life [becomes] no longer formed by a vibrant rest in surrender to my Lord but rather it is deformed by other things within and around me. These are times when I lose sight of what is really important and valuable in life and, when I do, it alters what I desire, how I think, what I say, and the things I do...The most valuable thing in life is not an experience one can have. The most valuable thing is not something you will get from the people in your life. The most valuable thing in life is an eternal gift of God's grace.
– Paul David Tripp, *Sunday Matters*



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Salvation

Justification



Past fact

Positional

"I am in Christ."

Sanctification



Present process

Progressive

**"I am being
conformed to the
image of Christ."**

Glorification



Future promise

Permanent

**"I will be
with Christ."**

In 1944, Woody Guthrie was unhappy with what he perceived as a growing anti-communist sentiment in America. Guthrie was disgusted that so many Americans were thinking eternally instead of focusing on creating a communist utopia on earth.



**This train is bound for glory, this train
This train is bound for glory, this train
This train is bound for glory
Don't carry nothing but the righteous
and the holy
This train is bound for glory, this train
– Woody Guthrie, “This Train”**

This Train Is Bound for Glory

New Words and Music Adaptation by Woody Guthrie

First note



Verse

Moderately, in 2

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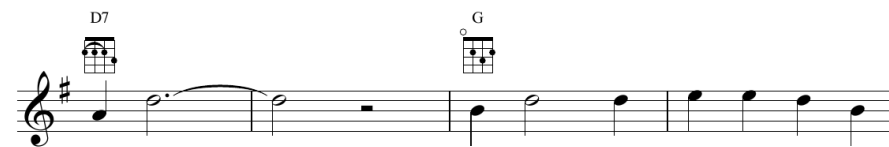


1. This train is bound for glo - ry, this train. _____

2.-6. See additional lyrics



_____ This train is bound for glo - ry,



this train. _____

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don't car - ry noth - ing but the right - eous and the ho - ly.

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You are saved by God's grace:

- in justification – being made right before God.**
- in sanctification – being made holy by God.**
- in glorification – being made perfect forever with God.**



Human flourishing – the individual’s maximization of her capabilities, and our collective endeavor to realize the best for humanity as a whole – is at once present-centered, future-oriented, and past dependent.
– David Armitage, “In Defense of Presentism”
in History and Human Flourishing

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1 Peter 2 CSB

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¹² For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body is not one part but many.

1 Corinthians 12 CSB

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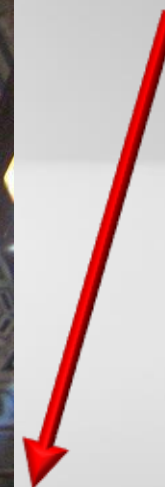
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courtesy WB

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